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October 23, 2000

Lon Thomas
Star Stone Quarries, Inc
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Re: Response to Conditional Notice of Tentative Approval to Commence Large Mining Operations, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Cotton Thomas Quarry, M/003/024, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

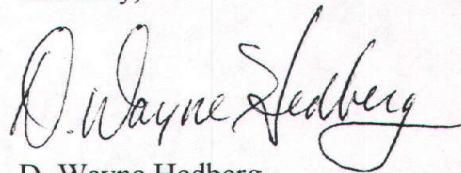
The Division has reviewed your October 18, 2000 letter (received via fax) provided in response to our September 19, 2000, Conditional Notice of Tentative Approval for the Cotton Thomas Quarry. In your letter, you acknowledged acceptance of the conditions for approval with one exception - the road from the Klondike Gold pit to the old Star Quarry. Your letter indicated that the land on which this road is located has been sold and will soon be transferred to the new owner. The Division cannot remove this road from your responsibility until the transfer is completed. (Attached is a transfer form to assist you in completing the transfer. Also, please attach a topographic map to the transfer form which clearly identifies and highlights the road segment that will be transferred). Once the transfer is approved, the Division will remove this road from your reclamation responsibilities. The Division will now proceed with publishing a Notice of Tentative Approval for the Cotton Thomas Quarry in the appropriate newspapers.

Thank you for the update on your progress toward obtaining the reclamation surety for this site as well as the Rosebud quarry. The Division will extend the time to complete the surety until November 1, 2000 as requested. ***Please be advised, if the reclamation surety is not submitted by November 1, 2000, the Division will issue a directive to Star Stone Quarries, Inc. requiring all mining related activities at the Cotton Thomas Quarries to cease until the reclamation surety is in place.*** Prolonged delays in posting the required reclamation surety may force the Division to pursue additional enforcement action, as authorized under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, to bring this site into compliance.

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If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me, or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5286 or 538-5310, respectively. Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing the large mine permitting process for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Hedberg" clearly legible.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosures: Transfer form
cc: Mike Ford, BLM
Pam Grubaugh-Littig, DOGM
Lynn Kunzler, DOGM
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